



**State of New Hampshire**  
**RIVERS MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
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## ***Background Information for New Rivers Management Advisory Committee Members***

### **What is the NH Rivers Management and Protection Program?**

The Rivers Management and Protection Act of 1988 (RSA 483) established a statewide rivers program based on a two-tier approach: (a) nomination by state citizens or organizations of significant rivers and protection of their instream values, nomination review and recommendations by the Rivers Management Advisory Committee and the NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES), followed by legislative designation, and (b) local development and adoption of river corridor management plans for designated rivers to protect shorelines and adjacent lands.

### **What is the Rivers Management Advisory Committee (RMAC)?**

The Rivers Management Advisory Committee was created by state statute (RSA 483:8) as part of the New Hampshire's Rivers Management and Protection Program.

### **What does the RMAC do?**

The RMAC advises the NHDES Commissioner and Rivers Coordinator on implementing RSA 483. This includes reviewing and making recommendations on river nominations into the program and instream flow rules for protected rivers. The RMAC reviews and makes recommendations on state land transfer proposals for all river corridors in NH before the NH Council on Resources and Development (CORD) and comments on river-related proposed legislation and rules. RMAC members also serve on agency and river-related committees including legislative study committees.

### **Who is on the RMAC?**

The RMAC is comprised of diverse river interest and users as defined in RSA 483. The nine voting interest groups are represented by interest groups specified in statute and appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Executive Council. Four state agency leads are also part of the RMAC by statute as non-voting members. They can be represented by their designees. The voting members representing interests cannot be represented by designees. Members serve three-year terms. In the case of state agency members, their terms are the same as their appointment to their agency.

### **When does the RMAC meet?**

The RMAC meets on a quarterly basis or as-needed to respond to legislative, administrative rules, or other deadlines. Task, work, or study groups may be formed and will meet to help the RMAC accomplish its goals. Committee members are expected to attend scheduled meetings so that required quorums occur and action votes can take place following deliberation.

## The following resources will help you be a productive member of the RMAC

- Fact Sheet – The New Hampshire Rivers Management and Protection Program
- Fact Sheet – The NH Rivers Management and Protection Program: River classifications and state regulated protection measures as they apply to each classification
- RMAC members and contact information
- RSA 483 (enabling legislation of this program)
- The instream flow rules can be downloaded at <http://www.des.state.nh.us/rules/Env-Ws1900.pdf>
- Map of designated rivers
- Fact sheets on each of the designated rivers can be downloaded at <http://www.des.state.nh.us/rivers/link-2.htm#fs>
- Additional RMPP information can be located at <http://www.des.state.nh.us/rivers/>
- Additional RMAC information can be found at <http://www.des.state.nh.us/rivers/rmac/>
- Past RMAC meeting minutes can be located at [http://www.des.state.nh.us/rivers/rmac/archive\\_min.htm](http://www.des.state.nh.us/rivers/rmac/archive_min.htm)
- Recent copy of *Meanderings*, the newsletter of the NH Rivers Management and Protection Program